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In the Application of) Examiner: Kevin E. Weddington
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Susan R. Anderson et al.) Group Art Unit: 1614
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For: SHAVING SYSTEMS) Confirmation No. 9434
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

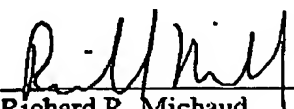
This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2006, having a period for response set to expire on January 6, 2007. In the Office Action, the Examiner has required the election of a single invention for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner alleges that the inventions of Group I (claims 1-17, drawn to a shaving system comprising a blade member and a skin engaging portion in proximity to the blade) and Group II (claims 18-26, drawn to a shaving aid strip comprising a water sensitive polymer and a chelating agent) are independent and distinct, each from the other, because the inventions of Group I and Group II have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification and separate subject matter of inventive effort. Applicant hereby elects Group II for prosecution. The claims readable on Group II are claims 18-26.

Applicant believes that the foregoing election fully complies with the Office Action and that all claims of the application are allowable. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Applicant believes that no fees are due with the submission of this Response. If, however, it is deemed that any fees are in fact due, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 503342 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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